# SALISBURY

FIELD HOCKEY

## SSU at a glance

The resources of a University ...

6,000 students from 36 states and 50 foreign countries

29 undergraduate and 7 graduate programs

200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.

NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

... with small-school opportunities.

Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)

Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

The security of state support ...

1997-98 tuition, room, board and fees: \$8,982 per year for Maryland residents; \$12,734 per year out-of-state.

A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

... with the benefits of private funding.

Altogether, SSU awards nearly \$1 million in academic scholarships each year. More than \$22 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

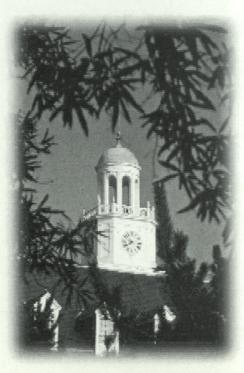
In an ideal-and idyllic-location:

Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.

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We're at http://www.ssu.edu.

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 34 buildings on 125 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.



# Head Coach Dawn Chamberlin



The 1997 season marked the beginning of **Dawn Chamberlin's** second decade as head coach of the Salisbury State University field hockey program, as well as an extension to her long list of accomplishments with the Sea Gull program. Chamberlin, who already ranks among the most successful coaches in the school's history, completed her 11th season with a 17-3 record and guided the Gulls to the No. 1 spot in the final regular

season poll and another berth in the NCAA Championship Tournament.

Since her first season in 1987, the Sea Gulls have qualified for the NCAA Tournament 10 times, with three appearances in the Final Four. The program has produced 20 national all-Americans and 52 all-region players. SSU's 143-57-8 record under Chamberlin translates to a winning percentage of .706.

## Chamberlin's Career Record

1987	12-5-1
1988	16-3-3
1989	15-4-1
1990	13-4-1
1991	11-6-1
1992	12-7-1
1993	7-9-0
1994	12-7-0
1995	13-6-0
1996	15-3-0
1997	17-3-0
TOTAL	143-57-8

Additionally, Chamberlin, who is quickly approaching the 150-victory milestone after registering her 100th career win in 1995, has been honored as the CFHCA South Region Coach of the Year three of the last six years. She was also named Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1995, 1996 and 1997, and has guided the Sea Gulls to conference championships in each of the past three years.

Chamberlin is a 1985 graduate of the University of Iowa, where she was a four-year letterwinner on the highly successful field hockey team. The Hawkeyes won the Big Ten championship outright from 1981 to 1983, before sharing the top spot in 1984. The '84 squad finished second in the nation. Chamberlin, Iowa's co-captain as both a junior and senior, was also a member of the national indoor championship team and was selected to the all-Big Ten team during her senior year.

While at Iowa, she also received the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Academic Award (1982-85) and the Physical Education Academic Achievement Award (1983-85). Chamberlin, who also coaches the SSU women's lacrosse team in the spring, earned her Master of Education from Salisbury State in 1987 and is currently working toward her doctorate.



The 1997 Sea Gull coaching staff (l-r): Assistant Coach Valerie Baker, Head Coach Dawn Chamberlin, Assistant Coach Michelle Dean. Not pictured, Assistant Coach Kristin Scarola.

# SSU Field Hockey-A Tradition of Success

During the past decade, Salisbury State has emerged as one of the premier field hockey programs among NCAA Division III institutions. SSU is one of just seven schools to have captured the national championship since its inception in 1981, claiming the top prize with an undefeated 21-0 campaign in 1986. Since their first visit to the NCAA postseason tournament in 1984, the Gulls have become a regular contender for the national title, with appearances in 13 of the last 14 NCAA postseason tournaments.

In addition to the national championship in 1986, SSU has advanced to the Final Four on three other occasions, finishing as a national semifinalist in 1987, 1988 and 1992. Additionally, the Gulls have been national quarterfinalists four other times since 1989, including this past 1997 season. Salisbury's first-rate field hockey facility has also served as a regional host site for the national championship tournament on four occasions, including in both 1996 and 1997.

The Sea Gulls notched 10 consecutive winning seasons from 1983 to 1992, and finished in the top 10 in the final rankings in each of those seasons. The Sea Gulls finished the 1997 regular season as the No. 1 ranked team in the final Division III national poll. SSU has reached double figures in wins in 13 of the last 15 seasons, and has averaged 13 wins per year during Dawn Chamberlin's 11 seasons as head coach.

Quality programs are comprised of talented individuals, and the Sea Gulls have certainly had their fair share in recent years. Salisbury State is well represented on the national and regional all-star teams each season. During Chamberlin's tenure, the Gulls have produced 20 national all-Americans and had a total of 52 players selected to the all-South Region team. Additionally, Chamberlin has been honored as the region's Coach of the Year three times and the Capital Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year three times.



# National All-Americans Since 1987

1987 Terri Buysse

1988 Jill Stewart
Tracey Short

1989 Debe Clarke Cheryl Ish

1990 Cheryl Ish Vicki Miller Vicki Conklin

1991 Cheryl Ish Tracy Wolfe

1992 Kristen Guttilla Nicki Houghton

1993 Tara Savage

1994 Jennifer lotzbach

1995 Sue Fatz Stacie Gado

1996 Sue Fatz
Kristin Scarola
Kristin Archer
Laura Getty

1997 Megan Hopper Kristin Archer Laura Getty

The 1997 team captains (l-r): Karen LaPolla, Kristin Heath, Kristin Archer, Becky Tregoning, Laura Getty.

# Four Gulls Named to All-South Region Team

Senior goalie **Kristin Archer** headed a group of four Salisbury State University field hockey players named to the 1997 National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) all-South Region first team. Joining Archer, a three-time all-region selectee, on the first team were senior **Laura Getty**, senior **Karen LaPolla** and junior **Megan Hopper**.

**Kristin Archer (Pylesville, MD/North Harford HS)** earned first-team all-South Region honors for the third straight year after also winning the Capital Athletic Conference's 1997 Goalie of the Year award for the second straight year. Archer started every game for the Sea Gulls while posting a 0.39 goals against average, with 100 saves and a .926 save percentage. Archer also set a new SSU single-season record with 14 shutouts in 1997 and finished her career as Salisbury's all-time shutout leader with 30.

Postscript: Archer was also named to the 1997 national all-America second team.

Laura Getty (Elkton, MD/Elkton HS) earned all-region honors for the third time in her career, including first team status for the second straight season. Getty finished second in scoring for the Sea Gulls in 1997 with 13 goals, 11 assists and 37 points. A four-year starter at forward, she finished her career with 41 goals and 99 total points, seventh best in both categories in team history. Getty was also named 1997 Capital Athletic Conference's Player of the Year. Postscript: Getty was also named to the 1997 national all-America second team.

Senior Karen LaPolla (Setauket, NY/Ward Melville HS) moved up to the first team this fall after earning second team all-region honors last year. LaPolla, a midfielder, tallied two goals and three assists in 1997 while also providing outstanding defensive support to a unit that allowed just eight goals this year. She also earned first-team all-conference honors in 1997.

Junior Megan Hopper (Millsboro, DE/Sussex Central HS), like LaPolla, moved to the first team in 1997 after earning second team South Region honors in 1996. Hopper led the Sea Gulls and the Capital Athletic Conference in scoring in 1997 with 19 goals, 6 assists and 44 total points. Her 19-goal output was also the 10th highest single-season total in team history.

Postscript: Hopper was named to the 1997 national all-America first team.

## The 1997 Sea Gull Honor Roll

#### **All-South Region**

Kristin Archer (first team) Laura Getty (first team) Karen LaPolla (first team) Megan Hopper (first team)

#### All-America

Megan Hopper (first team) Kristin Archer (second team) Laura Getty (second team)

#### **All-Capital Athletic Conference**

Kristin Archer (first team)
Laura Getty (first team)
Kristin Heath (first team)
Megan Hopper (first team)
Karen LaPolla (first team)
Beth Getty (second team)
Becky Tregoning (second team)



# 1997 Sea Gull Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hometown	High School
1	Chandra Chester	В	Fr	Cambridge, MD	Camb-S. Dorchester
2	Megan Hopper	F	Jr	Millsboro, DE	Sussex Central
3	Joellen Owens	В	Fr	Berlin, MD	Stephen Decatur
4	Courtney Ball	F	Jr	Hunt Valley, MD	Dulaney
5	Janice O'Day	В	So	Seaford, DE	Seaford
6	Brielle Aguilar	F	So	Bordentown, NJ	BordentownRegional
7	Karen LaPolla	M	Sr	Setauket, NY	Ward Melville
8	Beth Getty	M	So	Elkton, MD	Elkton
9	Rebecca Fox	В	So	Bel Air, MD	Bel Air
11	Gina Dean	F	So	Pocomoke, MD	Pocomoke
12	Mindy Fennemore	F	Jr	Wyoming, DE	Caesar Rodney
13	Laura Getty	F	Sr	Elkton, MD	Elkton
14	Kristin Heath	M	Sr	Salisbury, MD	Parkside
15	Tracy Baxley	F	Fr	Walkersville, MD	Walkersville
16	Jennifer Ott	F	Fr	Delran, NJ	Delran
17	Mary Wilgus	F	So	Frankford, DE	Indian River
18	Lauren Sostrin	В	So	Forest Hill, MD	Fallston
19	Abby Martzall	F	Jr	Akron, PA	Ephrata
20	Stephanie Wheeler	В	Fr	Perry Hall, MD	Perry Hall
21	Becky Tregoning	В	Sr	Union Bridge, MD	Francis Scott Key
22	Jessica Faulkner	F	Fr	Deposit, NY	Deposit
23	Bonnie Wilson	В	Jr .	Wilmington, DE	Brandywine
24	Katie Pritchard	В	So	Germantown, MD	Seneca Valley
25	Minouche Herrmann-Tross	В	Fr	Katonah, NY	Somers
26	Sarah Hudson	В	So	Georgetown, DE	Sussex Central
33	Kelly Snyder	GK	So	Macungie, PA	Emmaus
00	Kristin Archer	GK	Sr	Pylesville, MD	North Harford

# SSU Recordbook (through 1997)

Tean	n Reco	rds
Most Wins, Season	21	1986 (21-0)
Most Losses, Season	11	1981 (11-11-3)
Most Ties, Season	5	1960 (3-5-5)
Most Consecutive Wins	26	1986-87
Most Consecutive Wins, Season	21	1986
Most Consecutive Games Without a Loss	28	1986-87
Most Consecutive Losses	7	1982
Most Consecutive Winning Seasons	10	1983-92
Most Consecutive Losing Seasons	4	1965-68
Most Games Played, Season	25	1981
Most Goals Scored, Season	68	1978, 1986
Most Goals Scored, Game	15	vs. Baltimore JC, 1966
	14	vs. Widener, 1984
	13	vs. Gallaudet, 1975
Most Goals Allowed, Game	8	vs. Old Dominion, 1983
Wost Godis Miowed, Game	· ·	vs. Essex CC, 1969
		vs. Delaware, 1965
Highest Scoring Average, Season	4.3	1977 (64 goals in 14 games)
Fewest Goals Allowed, Season	2	1958 (7 games)
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Most Assists, Season	40	1000, 1997
Most Saves, Season	184	1977, 1983 1983
Most Shutouts, Season		
Most Consecutive Shutouts	14	1986, 1997
Most Consecutive Shutouts	11	1977-78
Individ	ual Re	cords
Most Goals, Career	64	Sue Fatz, 1993-96
Most Goals, Season	31	Anita Gruss, 1977
Most Goals, Game	6	Felicia Fortunato vs. Gallaudet, 1975
	5	Anita Gruss vs. Catholic, 1977
		vs. Goucher, 1977
	5	Cheryl Ish vs. Wesley, 1991
Most Assists, Career	26	Susan Ralph Elliott, 1977-80
Most Assists, Season	14	Margie Medes, 1983
Most Assists, Games	3	Margie Medes vs. Catholic, 1983
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		Joanna Myers vs. Gallaudet, 1977
Most Points, Career	145	Sue Fatz, 1993-96
Most Points, Season	64	Anita Gruss, 1976
Most Points, Game	13	Felicia Fortunato vs. Gallaudet,
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Most Saves, Career	377	1975 (6 goals, 1 assist)
Most Saves, Season	183	Cindi Smith, 1991-93 Karen McCammon, 1994
Most Saves, Game		
Most Shutouts, Career	49	Jackie Sandlof vs. Maryland, 1976
	30	Kristin Archer, 1995-97
Most Shutouts, Season	14	Kristin Archer, 1997

# Career Leaders

		G	oals		
Name	e and a second second second		Years	Goals	Best Year
1)	Sue Fatz		1993-96	64	23 (1996)
2)	Terri Timmons		1983-85	61	26 (1983)
3)	Cheryl Ish		1988-91	60	24 (1991)
	Susan Ralph Elliott		1977-80	50	22 (1978)
4) 5) 6)	Robin Adair		1985-86	46	26 (1985)
31			1980-83	45	17 (1983)
0)	Margie Medes				
7)	Jill Stewart		1985-88	41	15 (1986)
	Anita Gruss		1976-77	41	31 (1977)
	Laura Getty		1994-97	41	13 (1997)
10)	Megan Hopper		1995-97	38	19 (1997)
	Kristen Guttilla		1989-92	38	20 (1992)
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1)	Susan Ralph Elliott		1977-80	26	10 (1980)
2)	Linda Ralph		1975-78	24	11 (1978)
31	Margie Medes		1980-83	23	14 (1983)
4	Stacy Stem		1983-86	21	11 (1985)
4) 5)	Terri Timmons		1983-85	20	9 (1984)
3				17	11 (1997)
6)	Laura Getty		1994-97		
	Sue Fatz		1993-96	17	6 (1994, 9
	Jill Stewart		1985-88	17	8 (1988)
9)	Kristen Guttilla		1989-92	16	8 (1991)
10)	Sue Dennis		1977-78, 80-81	15	5 (1978, 8
	Joanna Myers		1975-78	15	7 (1977)
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1)	Sue Fatz	1993-96	64	17	145
2)	Terri Timmons	1983-85	61	20	142
3)	Cheryl Ish	1988-91	60	11	131
4)	Susan Ralph Elliott	1977-80	50	26	126
4) 5) 6)	Margie Medes	1980-83	45	23	113
31				8	100
6)	Robin Adair	1985-86	46		99
7)	Jill Stewart	1985-88	41	17	
	Laura Getty	1994-97	41	17	99
9)	Kristen Guttilla	1989-92	38	16	92
10)	Megan Hopper	1995-97	38	12	88
11)	Anita Gruss	1976-77	41	4	86
12)	Linda Ralph	1975-78	29	24	82
13)	Sue Dennis	1977-78, 80		15	75
14)		1983-86	21	21	63
15)	Stacy Stem Kim Bloodsworth	1993-95	23	9	54
		S	aves		
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1) 2)	Cindi Smith		1991-93	377	160 (1993)
2)	Kristin Archer		1995-97	375	163 (1995)
3)	Bonnie Maddox		1979-82	371	160 (1982)
4)	Tracy Short		1985-88	322	156 (1988)
7/	Mary Holmead		1982-84	276	159 (1984)
E)	Mary Holmead			243	159 (1989)
5)	11 1		1989-90		
5)	Liz Leo				
3) 4) 5) 6) 7)	Liz Leo Karen Stockton		198486	206	119 (1985)
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### 1997 Final Results

#### Final Overall Record: 17-3 CAC Record: 5-0 Home: 11-2 Away: 6-1

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record	Notes
Sept. 6	@ Catholic *	W	5-0	1-0	Hopper 2 goals, 2 assists; L. Getty 2 goals
Sept. 7	@ Cortland State	L	1-2 ot	1-1	Hopper goal; Ball assist
Sept. 13	Messiah	W	1-0	2-1	Wilson penalty stroke
Sept. 17	Johns Hopkins	W	4-0	3-1	Martzell 2 goals; LaPolla 1g-1a
Sept. 20	Bridgewater #	W	6-0	4-1	L. Getty, Fennemore 2 goals each
Sept. 20	Plymouth State #	L	1-2 ot	4-2	Hopper goal
Sept. 21	Denison #	W	5-1	5-2	L. Getty 2g-1a; Hopper 1g-1a
Sept. 26	@ Frostburg State	W	3-0	6-2	Hopper, L.Getty 1g-1a each
Sept. 27	@ Ithaca	W	1-0 ot	7-2	Hopper goal in 2nd overtime
Oct. 1	@ Washington	W	2-1 ot	8-2	Hopper game winner in first overtime
Oct. 4	York *	W	5-0	9-2	Heath, L. Getty 1g-1a each
Oct. 7	Goucher *	W	2-0	10-2	Hopper, Wilgus 2nd half goals
Oct. 10	@ Mary Washington *	W	1-0	11-2	L. Getty goal :07 seconds remaining
Oct. 14	St. Mary's *	W	7-0	12-2	Martzell 2 goals; 5 others with 1 each
Oct. 19	@ College of New Jersey	W	1-0	13-2	Hopper goal; TCNJ was No. 2 in nation
Oct. 21	Rowan	W	2-1	14-2	Ball, Hopper goals
Oct. 30	Catholic	W	3-0	15-2	CAC Tournament - Semifinal
Nov. 1	Mary Washington	W	3-0	16-2	CAC Tournament - Championship
Nov. 8	Washington	W	1-0 20	t 17-2	NCAA Tournament
Nov. 10	Messiah	L	0-1	17-3	NCAA Tournament

<sup>\*</sup> CAC Opponent

<sup>#</sup> Salisbury State Invitational

		1	997 Sea	son		Career	
Individual Scoring	Hometown	Goals	Assists	Points	Goals	Assists	Points
Megan Hopper	(Millsboro, DE)	19	. 6	44	38	12	88
Laura Getty	(Elkton, MD)	13	11	37	41	17	99
Abby Martzall	(Akron, PA)	4	1	9	11	5	27
Courtney Ball	(Hunt Valley, MD)	3	3	9	4	3	11
Mindy Fennemore	(Wyoming, DE)	4	0	8	4	0	8
Kristin Heath	(Salisbury, MD)	2	3	7	4	6	14
Karen LaPolla	(Setauket, NY)	2	3	7	4	9	17
Mary Wilgus	(Frankford, DE)	4	0	8	5	1	11
Beth Getty	(Elkton, MD)	1	2	4	3	3	9
Bonnie Wilson	(Wilmington, DE)	1	1	3	191619	rb1\ na	3
Katie Pritchard	(Germantown, MD)	1	0	2	1	0	2
Sarah Hudson	(Georgetown, DE)	0	1	116	0	1	1
SSU TOTALS		54	31	139			
OPPONENTS		8	4	20			

Goalies	Games	Saves	Avg	Goals	Pct	ShO	Min	GAA
Kristin Archer (Pylesville, MD)	20	100	5.0	8	.926	14	1438	0.39
Kelly Snyder (Macungie, PA)	2	1	0.5	0	1.000	0	23	0.00
SSU TOTALS	20	101	5.1	8	.927	14	1461	0.38
OPPONENTS	20	202	10.1	54	.789	1	1461	2.59

# SSU's Athletics Philosophy

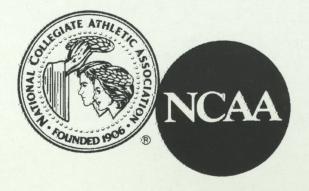
Association's (NCAA) Division III, offers 19 intercollegiate sports for men and women. In addition to NCAA membership, SSU competes as a member of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

As a member of the NCAA's Division III, Salisbury State places the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience. In doing so, it seeks to strengthen the integration of objectives and programs in athletics with academic and developmental objectives, and to assure the integration of athletes with other students.

SSU places special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants, with emphasis on the internal constituency (students, alumni and special friends) rather than on the general public and its entertainment needs.

The SSU athletics program is further characterized by the following principles:

- Participants receive the same treatment as other students. They have no unique
  privileges in admission, academic advising, course selection, grading, living
  accommodations or financial aid. Similarly, athletes are not denied rights and
  opportunities that would be available to them as non-athletes.
- Sports for men and women are given equal emphasis and the desired quality of competition is similar in all sports.
- Students are supported in their efforts to reach high levels of performance by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities with students from similar institutions.
- SSU strives to make the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics
  an enriching experience, and holds genuine concern for each participant's
  welfare. The intercollegiate program's foremost goal at all times is to supplement
  and enrich the first priority of the University, which is academic accomplishment.





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